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CROP VALUES DECREASED 13 PERCENT

The total value of Indiana crops in 2005 decreased 13 percent from a year earlier to 3.42 billion dollars. The total value of corn also decreased 13 percent. Corn production decreased 4 percent during 2005, while the average price fell 19 cents per bushel. Soybean production decreased 7 percent and the average price per bushel of soybeans decreased .16 cents to \$5.50 per bushel. This decrease caused the total value of production to fall 10 percent. Winter wheat production showed a 10 percent decrease, along with a total value decrease of 13 percent. In

addition, the average price of winter wheat decreased 9 cents per bushel to \$3.15. The total value and production of oats both decreased 31 percent during 2005. The average price per bushel for oats was unchanged at \$1.80. Total value of production for spearmint was up 22 percent, while the spearmint total production increased 13 percent. Another crop showing an increase in total value was blueberries, up 31 percent. The crops showing decreases in total value were all hay, popcorn, peppermint, and apples.

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SUMMARY OF CROP VALUES, INDIANA AND U.S. 2004 AND 2005

Crop	Indiana			United States		
	Value of Production		2005 as a % of 2004	Value of Production		2005 as a % of 2004
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
	(000) Dollars			(000) Dollars		
Total Value of Principal Crops	3,912,639	3,419,658	87	106,772,495	103,898,846	97
Corn for Grain	1,848,790	1,599,444	87	24,381,294	21,040,707	86
Soybeans	1,609,025	1,449,910	90	17,894,948	16,927,898	95
Winter Wheat	88,387	77,112	87	4,948,510	4,924,953	100
Oats	1,620	1,118	69	178,327	187,275	105
All Hay	210,000	197,016	94	12,211,868	12,491,263	102
Popcorn	42,042	31,320	74	1/	1/	
Peppermint	6,831	5,742	84	86,421	83,791	97
Spearmint	627	763	122	17,700	19,966	113
Apples	12,686	8,242	65	1,647,983	1,786,674	108
Blueberries	3,270	4,275	131	275,963	323,788	117

1/ Data not available.

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PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

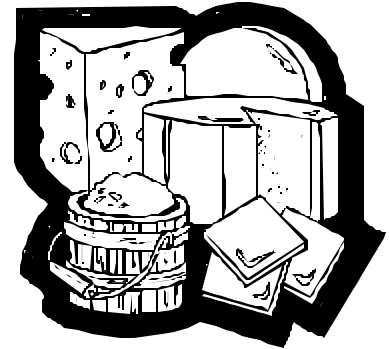
U.S. butter production during January 2006 was 145 million pounds, 13.1 percent above January 2004 and 15.3 percent above December 2005. American type cheese production totaled 317 million pounds for the month, 1.5 percent below January 2005 and 2.4 percent below December 2005. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 764 million pounds, 1.3 percent above January 2005 and 3.4 percent below December 2005. Creamed cottage cheese production was 27.7 million pounds, and lowfat cottage cheese in the U.S. totaled 31.4 million pounds.

The Nation's dairy plants produced 61.2 million gallons of hard ice cream during January 2006, up 1.3 percent from the same period last year. Hard lowfat ice cream output totaled 8.3 million gallons, up 7.9 percent from the January 2005 level. Hard sherbet production was 3.86 million gallons for the month, down 8.0 percent from the previous year. Total frozen yogurt production was 4.02 million gallons, down 6.6 percent from January 2005.



PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2006 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Product	Jan 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Percent of	
				Jan 2005	Dec 2005
	<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>	
Butter	128.7	126.2	145.5	113	115
American Cheese <u>2</u> /	322.2	325.0	317.3	98	98
All Cheese	754.7	791.3	764.3	101	97
Cottage Cheese, Curd	35.7	33.3	35.0	98	105
Cottage Cheese, Cream	29.5	26.1	27.7	94	106
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat	29.5	28.5	31.4	106	110
Sour Cream	76.9	97.4	83.2	108	85
	<u>Million Gallons</u>			<u>Percent</u>	
Frozen Products					
Ice Cream (Hard)	60.4	55.6	61.2	101	110
Lowfat Ice Cream (Hard)	7.7	8.0	8.3	108	105
Sherbet (Hard)	4.2	3.4	3.9	92	113
Frozen Yogurt	4.3	4.4	4.0	93	92



1/ Percents may not calculate due to rounding.

2/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

TURKEY HATCHERY

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2006, in the United States totaled 29.9 million, up 7 percent from March 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the February 1, 2006 total of 30.1 million eggs.

The 23.3 million poults placed during February 2006 in the United States were up 9 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 4 percent from January 2006.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division 1/	Eggs in Incubators March 1		Percent of Previous Year	Poults Placed During February 2/		Percent of Previous Year
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
	<u>Thousands</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>Thousands</u>		<u>Percent</u>
E N Central	4,517	4,663	103	3,339	3,501	105
W N Central	10,938	11,443	105	8,316	9,050	109
N & S Atlantic	7,879	9,535	121	6,275	7,693	123
S Central & West	4,717	4,240	90	3,391	3,056	90
U.S.	28,051	29,881	107	21,321	23,300	109

1/ E N Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI; W N Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and SD; N & S Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV; S Central and West: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, ID, KY, LA, MS, MT, NM, NV, OK, OR, TN, UT, WA, and WY.

2/ Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

2005 RED MEAT PRODUCTION SLIGHTLY DECREASES

Commercial red meat production in Indiana during 2005 totaled 1,436.9 million pounds, slightly below a year earlier. The total live weight of the 4,000 calves slaughtered during 2005 was 508,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 7.08 million hogs killed was 1.9 billion pounds. The total live weight of the 24,900 sheep slaughtered during 2005 was 2.7 million pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during 2005 totaled 45.8 billion pounds, slightly above last year. Red meat includes beef, veal,

pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 45.7 billion pounds. Commercial cattle slaughter during 2005 totaled 32.4 million head, down 1 percent from 2004. Calf slaughter totaled 734,400 head, down 13 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 103.6 million head, slightly higher than 2004. Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.70 million head, was down 5 percent from the previous year.

ANNUAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: NUMBER OF HEAD AND TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT INDIANA, SELECTED STATES, AND UNITED STATES, 2005 ^{1/}

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep	
	Number of Head	Total Live Weight	Number of Head	Total Live Weight	Number of Head	Total Live Weight	Number of Head	Total Live Weight
	<u>Thousand</u>	<u>Thou. Lbs</u>	<u>Thousand</u>	<u>Thou. Lbs</u>	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thou. Lbs.</u>	<u>Thousand</u>	<u>Thou. Lbs</u>
Indiana	2/	2/	4.0	508	7,075.0	1,873,037	24.9	2,706
Illinois	2/	2/	72.9	32,086	9,433.6	2,611,010	199.5	27,320
Iowa	2/	2/	2/	2/	29,832.3	8,078,870	413.8	61,680
Kentucky	16.4	14,820	2/	2/	2,315.6	617,942	13.4	1,790
Ohio	100.6	114,519	48.8	19,526	1,108.9	302,063	10.5	1,145
Wisconsin	1,439.1	1,948,154	122.0	56,205	513.2	229,324	10.5	1,408
United	32,387.7	40,688,69	734.4	259,371	103,581.5	27,827,94	2,697.8	373,305

^{1/} Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

^{2/} Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Data included in U.S. totals.

U.S. POULTRY SLAUGHTER UP 5 PERCENT

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during January 2006 was 4.75 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 4.52 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.09 billion pounds, up 6 percent from January 2005, and mature chickens at 70.1 million pounds, were up 12 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 566 million pounds, down 2 percent, and ducks totaled 15.9 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2006 averaged 5.50 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from January 2005. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.58 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2006 averaged 30.3 pounds per bird, 2 percent above January 2005.

POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2006 WITH COMPARISONS

	Number Inspected			Pounds Inspected		
	Jan 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Jan 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006
	<u>Million Head</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>		
<u>Chickens</u>						
Young	719.9	717.6	744.7	3,866.5	3,931.2	4,094.1
Mature	11.2	11.8	12.6	62.7	67.1	70.1
Total ^{1/}	731.0	729.5	757.2	3,929.2	3,998.3	4,164.2
<u>Turkeys</u>						
Young	19.2	19.2	18.5	570.4	548.6	560.7
Old	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.6	4.3	5.2
Total ^{1/}	19.4	19.4	18.7	576.0	552.9	566.0
<u>Ducks</u>						
	2.3	2.6	2.3	15.6	17.2	15.9

^{1/} Totals may differ due to rounding.

INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 255 million pounds during February 2006, up 3 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 162,000 head, up 5 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 5.9 percent from production in these same States in February 2005.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,588 pounds for February, 66 pounds above February 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.21 million head, 10,000 head more than January 2006, and 121,000 head more than February 2005.

Thanks, Dairy Farmers



MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, FEBRUARY 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<u>Thousand Head</u>		<u>Pounds</u>		<u>Million Pounds</u>		<u>Percent</u>
INDIANA	155	162	1,600	1,575	248	255	103
Illinois	105	104	1,500	1,540	158	160	101
Iowa	190	200	1,615	1,630	307	326	106
Kentucky	110	101	1,000	1,050	110	106	96
Michigan	308	314	1,660	1,725	511	542	106
Minnesota	455	450	1,405	1,480	639	666	104
Ohio	267	273	1,370	1,390	366	379	104
Wisconsin	1,234	1,240	1,400	1,455	1,728	1,804	104
23 State Total	8,084	8,205	1,522	1,588	12,301	13,029	106

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

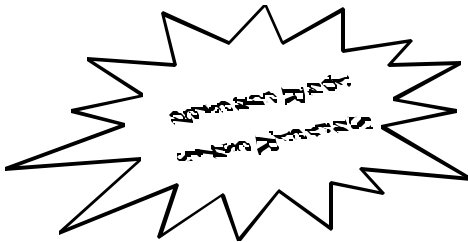
2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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